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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121**

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Examiner's election/requirement mailed June 7, 2006.

Applicant provisionally elects the Group I apparatus or invention as designated by the Examiner. Identification of claims belonging to the Group I apparatus or invention include at least Claims 2-3 and 5-7. In this regard, a telephone communication with Examiner Dunwoody on or about June 15, 2006, confirmed that Claim 1, previously canceled, was not intended to be included in the Group I claims as indicated on page 2 of the Examiner's election/restriction communication.

In the present amendment, Claims 8-15 have been withdrawn and Claims 27-34 have been added. Accordingly, after entry of the present amendment Claims 2-3, 5-7, and 27-34 will be pending in the application. Of the claims that will be pending after entry of the amendment,

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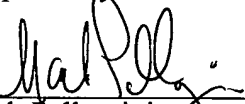
Claim 2 is independent. In a Final Office Action mailed November 19, 2003, Claim 2, as presented below, was indicated as being allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 2 and all claims properly depending therefrom, including Claims 3, 5-7, and 27-34, are now in a condition for allowance, notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Following a telephone interview with the Examiner, Applicant's undersigned attorney confirmed in a separated telephone interview on June 21, 2006, with the Examiner's Supervisor Mr. Stodola that, assuming proper dependency from allowable Claim 2, all of the other claims submitted herewith should be allowable. (Chisum, August 2005, Volume 3, page 8-264, §8.06[5][c])

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, or would like to discuss any remaining or new issues regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative of Applicant at (949) 718-6750.

Respectfully submitted,

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